

WILSON ORDERS TEUTON SHIPS RETURNED

President Acts on Advice of
State Department in
Vessels' Dispute.

GIGANTIC LINERS AWARDED BRITISH

Disposition of Standard Oil
Craft Still in Doubt Under
Council's Action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—On recommendation of the state department, president Wilson has ordered the returning German ships to be turned over to the British.

By his instructions, the shipping board announced today, this action would be taken as soon as a properly accredited British representative was ready to receive the vessels, now in New York harbor.

The superintendent of the shipping board had received from the British-American liner company, which had been operating in American waters, a request to return to the United States the vessels which it had been operating in American waters.

The president's action, it was said at the state department, followed a request from Great Britain that the ships be surrendered under the original allocation of the inter-allied shipping conference which arranged to get the vessels out of German hands following the armistice.

It was added, the department had found that the United States had no right to retain the ships beyond the period of their service in bringing back American troops, now completed, and as reported to president Wilson.

While the president's order goes out to the contractors who were the German ships, the status of 12 Standard Oil tankers, owned by the British, is still in doubt.

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6 Are Dead, 3 Dying; Wood Alcohol Blamed

HATFORD, Conn., Dec. 24.—Six men are dead and three are dying from the effects of liquor which the police believe was wood alcohol.

Dry Order Puts Country Out Of Ship Business

Prohibition Makes Government Unable to Compete on Seas.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Prohibition has put the government out of the ship business, according to a statement made today by the shipping board.

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PLAN MEASURES TO PUT TREATY INTO EFFECT

Allied and German Delegates to Begin Conference Next Week.

ENTENTE REPLIES TO LAST FOE NOTE

Glad Teutons Agree Pact Can Be Applied Before U. S. Has Ratified.

PARIS, France, Dec. 25.—Conferees will begin here early next week to discuss the measures to be taken to put the peace treaty into effect.

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2 AMERICAN SAILORS REMAIN IN PRISON AS MEXICO 'PROBES' CASE

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 26.—Hilario Medina, in charge of the Mexican foreign office, declared today in answer to a question, that the two American sailors arrested at Mazatlan for assault upon a Mexican citizen were, so far as the foreign office knew, still held there under provisions of the Mexican common law.

Senator Medina said the foreign office had asked the Mazatlan authorities for further particulars regarding the case and asserted the American embassy had made no further move relative to the incident since it had handed its first communication to the foreign office.

MEXICAN PROBE BORDER TOWNS DISPLAY UNREST

Adjutant General Says People Are Uneasy Over Situation.

AMSTON, Texas, Dec. 25.—While conditions along the Texas-Mexico border are apparently normal and quiet, there is a general undercurrent of unrest and uneasiness among the people on the border towns, said Adj. Gen. W. D. Cope, who has just returned from a tour of inspection duty in the border towns.

He said that the people were not anxious to make any display of their uneasiness for fear it might interfere with immigration to the Rio Grande valley.

During the past several months, Cope said, there has been a steady flow of people coming from the northern and eastern states to settle in the valley and conditions are excellent as far as crops are concerned.

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MINERS' LEADERS MEET TO ACT ON WORKERS' ROW

Caucus Called to End the Walkout Involving Howat With Contempt Charge.

ACTION MAY STOP CHARGES OF U. S.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 24.—Members of the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America met today to discuss the ending of the strike of the Central Coal and Coke company's men in this vicinity.

The meeting was in conformity with the promise of Alexander M. Howat, president of the district, to call a caucus to discuss the ending of the strike which began July 17, last.

In the event the strike is called off it is expected that contempt of court proceedings against Howat at Indianapolis will be continued indefinitely by the government.

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UNION WORKERS VOTE TO QUIT IF CUMMINS BILL BECOMES A LAW

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Twenty-eight percent of the 125,000 union railway machinists voted in November to strike with other trades in the event congress enacted the Cummins railroad bill with its anti-strike provision.

In making this announcement today, William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, said the vote was taken before the senate interstate commerce committee reported out the Cummins measure, and the result was not officially published because the association did not want to appear in the attitude of attempting to threaten congress.

Johnston said that the Cummins bill was passed by both houses of congress, and he said that the union workers would vote to quit if the bill became a law.

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